

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : Dazhi CHEN et al. CONFIRMATION No.: 3675  
SERIAL NUMBER : 09/461,336 EXAMINER: Asfand M. Sheikh  
FILING DATE : December 15, 1999 ART UNIT: 3627  
FOR : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ALLOWING EXCESS CAPACITY FOR RESTAURANTS AND OTHER  
INDUSTRIES DURING OFF-PEAK OR OTHER TIMES

**AMENDMENT ALONG WITH A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION ("RCE")**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Panel Decision form Pre-Appeal Brief Review mailed February 2, 2009 and the Final Office Action mailed October 17, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 32 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 033975 (Ref. No. 043311-0313722).